President Awaiting Full Data

Vail Security Seems Relaxed As Ford Skis

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VAIL, Colo., Dec. 25—Undeterred by the breach in security at the White House, President Ford spent a relaxed and white Christmas here, declaring that he would pass no judgment on the Washington incident until he had more details.

The President skiied as usual in sub-zero temperatures on a sparkling beautiful Christmas Day in the Rockies.

Security here has appeared to be relaxed and unobtrusive since Mr. Ford and his family arrived Sunday, and there has appeared to be no need for protection.

Despite the warning from Washington that a President is never entirely safe, officials said there would be no change in security arrangements in this quiet vacationland where the principal interest is on the snow rather than politics and government.

An example of how relaxed the President is about his visit and how calmly Vailites take the presence of their most famous visitor occurred Tuesday night at Christmas Eve services in the town's Interfaith Chapel.

When the Fords arrived a few minutes late, the church was filled except for a few seats reserved for them in front. But the President refused to disrupt the services by walking to the front pew.

Instead, he stood in the back, leaning against the wall for the 45-minute service of carol singing and a brief sermon. After some importuning from a member of the congregation, Mrs. Ford slipped into a rear pew and sat down.

After more than two hours skiing today, the President announced plans for a meeting here Saturday on economic proposals. It was announced Tuesday that the President's chief energy advisers will meet with him here Friday.

Before boarding a gondola for a trip to the top of the mountain, Mr. Ford told reporters he had been fully briefed on the incident at the White House.

When asked if he thought it meant greater security should be provided, he replied: "I'm not going to pass

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judgment until I get more details on it."

Mr. Ford said that the report he had requested from the Central Intelligence Agency on allegations it had spied on American citizens was "pretty voluminous" and would be flown here by courier Thursday.

The report was turned over to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Washington Tuesday. It is understood to be about 50 pages long.

The President skiied at the "North Woods" area today, which is at 11,000 feet and is not as heavily skiied as some others slopes.

The area was described by one intrepid skiier who followed the President as "majestic" and full of mostly unpacked snow.

"The sky was clear blue, the sun bright even at the top," it was said. "The snow was like a coat of marshmallow frosting, with diamond sparkles in it."

The President said "it couldn't have been nicer up there . . . just absolutely gorgeous. But I decided I'd better take it easy. Rumsfeld's got a lot of work to do, too. Scrooge came with Santa Claus. Rumsfeld came."

The reference was to Donald Rumsfeld, White House staff chief, with whom the President worked for several hours before having a family dinner.

Mr. Ford said he received "a whole raft of very nice" Christmas gifts, including brass book ends from Williamsburg from his wife, sweaters, jackets, cheeses and sausages from his children.

The Saturday meeting will be to work on economic proposals the President will send to Congress in January, press secretary Ron Nessen said.

Scheduled to attend are Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon; L. William Seidman, the President's economic coordinator; Chairman Alan Greenspan of the Council of Economic Advisers; Chairman Arthur F. Burns of the Federal Reserve Board; William Eberle, retiring international trade negotiator, and Kenneth Cole Jr., retiring director of the Domestic Council.

Scheduled to attend the Friday meeting on energy are Simon, Seidman, Greenspan, Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton and Frank Zarb, federal energy administrator.